



Wheats Fire Incident Fact Sheet

Stanislaus National Forest

Wednesday, August 08, 2012 – 12:30 p.m.

Fire Information

Phone (209) 532-3671

Media Inquiries– Ext. 244

Incident Website: www.inciweb.org/incident/3103/

Current Situation: The fire is consuming red fir within the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness of the Stanislaus National Forest sending up occasional plumes of smoke. Advance of the fire is impeded by dispersed granite rock formations and light winds. Plans include switching out fire crews and establishing indirect fire lines. A fire camp will be established at the Spicer Reservoir Group Campground with a boat ride and a 20 minute hike to access the northern perimeter of the fire. The Forest will close several trails in the area starting today (see attached map for details). Because legislation restricts use of mechanical devices in wilderness areas special authority has been granted to use chainsaws and water pumps. The very steep and rugged isolated terrain is a cause of concern for firefighter safety. A Type 3 Incident Commander is in-charge of the response. About 130 acres have burned.

Fire Status	Resources
Fire Name: Wheats Geographic Location: Summit Ranger District, Stanislaus NF, west of the Dardanelles Acres Burned: 130 acres Start Date: Discovered 8/6/2012 Percent Contained: 20 percent Expected Containment Date: 8-11-2012 Cause: Suspected lightning caused Injuries: 0 Structures Threatened: 0 Structures Destroyed: 0	Crews: 3-10 person Wildland Fire Modules; 1 Hotshot crew from Plumas NF; 7-Smokejumpers from Redding; 2-Overhead Personnel and 1- Logistics Support Team Engines: 0 Helicopters: 1 Air Tankers: 0 Dozers: 0 Water Tenders: 0 Total Personnel: 60 Estimated Cost: unknown

Special Announcements: Smoke has been reported from Hwy. 108 in Tuolumne County and may be seen from Hwy. 4 in Calaveras County.

Evacuations: none

Road Closures: none

Trail Closures: 18E04 Spicer/Wheats, 18E49 Burgson Lake, 19E05 Dardanelle Creek, 19E06 Wheats Meadow, 19E16 County Line, 19E86 McCormick Creek, 19E50A Sword Lake.

Campground Closures: Spicer Group Campground

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Me-Wuk Rancheria Fire Crew

Fire Information: Phone numbers for fire information is 209-532-3671 and 209-965-3434.

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Webcam: The Bald Helibase webcam can be accessed through the following link; http://ssgic.cr.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/camHist11.pl?camera=bald_helibase_1&lastFrame=true